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1. SUMMARY: UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN THINKS BOTH SIDES ARE "PLAYING A GREAT BIG GAME" WITH TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR TRANSITIONAL JOINT GOVERNMENT, REGRETTABLY SINCE OTHERWISE IT COULD HAVE SERVED AT LEAST AS STARTING POINT FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

2. I SAW WECKMANN JULY 19 TO GET HIS VIEWS ON TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. WECKMANN SAID DENKTASH HAD HANDED HIM THE PROPOSAL RIGHT OFF THE PLANE FROM ANKARA (IMPLYING GOT AUTHORSHIP OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS). HE HAD URGED DENKTASH NOT TO GO PUBLIC AND PRECIPITATE GOC REJECTION BUT DENKTASH HAD REPLIED THAT GREEK MACHINATIONS NECESSITATED THIS AND PUBLICITY ALREADY IN TRAIN.
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3. CONVEYING PROPOSAL TO CLERIDES, WECKAMNN MADE PARALLEL PLEA THAT PUBLIC REJECTION BE AVOIDED. CLERIDES ACKNOWLLEDGED THERE SOME POSITIVE POINTS IN PAPER WHICH IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BUT DENKTASH'S PUBLICATION OF IT FORCED HIS HAND.

4. I SAID THAT ACCORDING OUR INFORMATION TURKISH PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE BEEN INSTANTLY REJECTED REGARDLESS OF CONTENTS. MAKARIOS HAD NEVER THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF ENTERTAINING ANYTHING WHICH WOULD DIMINISH STATUS OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION IT COMMANDED WHICH WAS ONE OF VERY FEW ASSETS REMAINING TO HIM. GREEK AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD US THAT GOG BACKED MAKARIOS IN THIS. CLERIDES' REJECTION SEEMED TO BE FINAL. I THOUGHT HE WOULD GO TO VIENNA III UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO REFUSE TO RESURRECT OR DISCUSS IT IN ANY WAY.

5. WECKMANN CONCURRED NOTING THERE SOME DISINGENUOUSNESS IN CLERIDES' POSITION. FACT WAS THAT CLERIDES HAD BEEN WANTING AN ISSUE ON WHICH TO SHOW HIMSELF TOUGH TO COUNTER ACCUSATIONS OF BEING A TURKISH PATSY JUST TO KEEP ALIVE HIS ROLE AS NEGOTIATOR.

6. WECKMANN COMMENTED THAT IN HIS VIEW BOTH SIDES "PLAYING A GREAT BIG GAME" RATHER THAN NEGOTIATING SERIOUSLY. TURKEY WANTED TO GET OUT FROM UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF INTRANSIGENCE - WITH AN EYE TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AID EMBARGO, VIENNA III AND CSCE SUMMIT. MAKARIOS' REJECTION OF TURKISH PROPOSAL HAD SIMILAR POLITICAL MOTIVATION: CONGRESS, VIENNA AND CSCE. AL-TOGETHER THIS CYNCISM ON BOTH SIDES WAS UNFORTUNATE AS OTHERWISE TURKISH PAPER MIGHT HAVE SERVED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

7. WECKMANN INFORMED ME THAT DENKTASH HAS PROMISED TO HAND OVER HIS SECOND PAPER, THAT ON POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, JULY 21.
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